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SUBJ: RIVAL OPPOSITION COALITION TO "JUNTA DEMOCRATICA"
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SUMMARY: OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC, SOCIALIST,
AND REGIONALIST GROUPS IN AD HOC "CONFERENCIA DEMOCRATICA"
FORMALLY CONSTITUTED THEMSELVES JUNE 11 INTO NEW RIVAL
COALITION TO PCE-MANIPULATED "JUNTA DEMOCRATICA". NEW
COALITION ALSO INCLUDES CARLISTS AND VARIOUS ANTI-PCE
LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL AND WORKER GROUPS.
END SUMMARY

1. ON JUNE 11, 1975, SIXTEEN OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES
AND ORGANIZATIONS AND TRADE UNIONS, INCLUDING PRINCIPALLY
THOSE IN AD HOC "CONFERENCIA DEMOCRATICA", CONSTITUTED
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THEMSELVES INTO A NEW COALITION. PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO

ESTABLISH A "PLATAFORMA DE CONVERGENCIA" OPEN TO ALL SPANISH DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION GROUPS. ALTHOUGH PRESS HAS BEGUN CALLING NEW COALITION BY THAT NAME, LEADING MEMBER TOLD LABATT THAT NAME HAD NOT YET BEEN AGREED UPON. SOURCE ADDED THAT PARTICIPATING GROUPS AGREED TO THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES: (A) TRANSITION WOULD HAVE TO LEAD TO CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO DRAFT NEW DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION; (B) SPAIN SHOULD BE A FEDERAL STATE WITH DUE REGARD FOR RIGHTS AND AUTONOMY COMPONENT REGIONS, AND (C) ALL PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS WOULD MAINTAIN COALITION BEYOND MERE TRANSITION PERIOD. SOURCE ALSO STATED PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ESTABLISHED FIVE-MAN SECRETARIAT, CONTAINING ONE REP FROM EACH OF NEW COALITION'S MAJOR IDEOLOGICAL CURRENTS, TO DRAFT COALITION'S PLATFORM.

2. POLITICAL PARTIES IN COALITION INCLUDE ALL FIVE OF SPAIN'S OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC GROUPS: (A) IDC OF JOAQUIN RUIZ GIMENEZ, (B) DSC OF JOSE MARIA GIL ROBLES, ALTHOUGH THIS PARTY REPORTEDLY MAINTAINS CERTAIN RESERVATIONS RE NEW COALITION, (C) BASQUE NATIONALIST PARTY (PNV), (D) CATALAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND (E) VALENCIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY; FOUR SOCIALIST PARTIES: (A) PSOE "YOUNG TURK" SOCIALISTS, (B) USDE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS OF DIONISIO RIDRUEJO, (C) CATALAN SOCIALIST REGROUPING, FORMERLY KNOWN AS MSC, AND (D) SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF GALICIA; AND TWO OTHER KNOWN POLITICAL PARTIES (A) CARLIST PARTY AND (B) MCE, OR SPANISH COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, A MAOIST COMMUNIST PARTY TO LEFT OF PCE WHICH BROKE AWAY SOME YEARS AGO FROM PCE AND IS NOW VIOLANTLY ANTI-PCE. FOUR CLANDESTINE PARTICIPATING TRADE UNION GROUPS ARE: (A) SOCIALIST UGT, TRADE UNION AFFILIATE OF PSOE; (B) STV, TRADE UNION AFFILIATE OF PNV; (C) ORT, CATHOLIC EXTREME LEFTIST TRADE UNION TO LEFT OF PCE, WHICH CONSTITUTES PRINCIPAL CATHOLIC COMPONENT OF PCE-DOMINATED WORKERS COMMISSIONS; AND (D) WORKERS COMMISSIONS OF EUZKADI OR BASQUE COUNTRY, ONE OF FEW WORKERS COMMISSIONS IN SPAIN NOT DOMINATED BY PCE AND WHICH IS STRONGLY ANTI-PCE. SIXTEENTH MEMBER GROUP IS BASQUE COUNCIL, AN ORGANIZATION INSIDE SPAIN'S BASQUE

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PROVINCES REPRESENTING BASQUE GOVT IN EXILE IN PARIS. (THERE IS SOME OVERLAP, SINCE BASQUE COUNCIL ALSO INCLUDES PNV, STV, AND BASQUE BRANCHES OF PSOE AND UGT).

3. COMMENT: COALITION REPRESENTS POTENTIALLY POWERFUL RIVAL TO COMMUNIST-MANIPULATED "JUNTA DEMOCRATICA". PSOE/UGT'S DECISION UNEQUIVOCALLY TO JOIN NEW COALITION PARTIALLY REPRESENTS REACTION TO PCE'S CONTINUING TACTICS

DIRECTED AGAINST PSOE, CARLIST MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTS
PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW TO "JUNTA" SINCE CARLISTS HAD ORIGINALLY
BELONGED TO "JUNTA" BUT LATER ABANDONED IT. ADHERENCE OF
EXTREME LEFTISTS OUTFLANKS "JUNTA" ON LEFT I.E., MCE
PRESENCE WITH WORD COMMUNIST IN ITS LABEL, AS WELL AS
REVOLUTIONARY ORT, ARE EXPECTED TAKE AWAY FROM JUNTA SOME
OF LATTER'S MORE REVOLUTIONARY LEFTIST FOLLOWERS. EUZKADI
WORKERS COMMISSIONS WAS REPORTEDLY INCLUDED BECAUSE OF
MAGIC ATTRACTION TERM "WORKERS COMMISSIONS" AND BECAUSE
IT IS ONE OF FEW STRONGLY ANTI-PCE REGIONAL WORKERS
COMMISSIONS, EMPHASIS ON FEDERALISM IN ATTRACTING
REGIONAL GROUPINGS IS A SUCCESSFUL TACTICAL MANEUVER VIS-A-VIS
MORE CENTRALISTIC "JUNTA". IT REMAINS BE SEEN, HOWEVER, HOW
COHESIVE NEW COALITION WILL PROVE, IN VIEW CENTRIFUGAL
FORCES INHERENT IN NEW COALITION'S WIDELY DIVERSE
IDEOLOGICAL COMPONENT GROUPS.
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